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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,477,403 to EGUCHI et al., which issued on November 5, 2002;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,767,666 to ASADA et al., which issued on June 16, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,742,419 to DICKENSHEETS et al., which issued on April 21, 1998;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,606,447 to ASADA et al., which issued on February 25, 1997;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,323,009 to HARRIS, which issued on June 21, 1994;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,161,053 to DABBS, which issued on November 3, 1992;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,120,953 to HARRIS, which issued on June 9, 1992;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,174,154 to KAWASAKI, which issued on November 13, 1979;

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 3032720, which published on February 10, 2000, which is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,742,419 cited above;

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Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 3052150, which published on April 7, 2000, which is a patent family member of U.S. 5,323,009 cited above; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 9-98945, which published on April 15, 1997, together with an english language translation thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite the above documents. Copies of the above-noted documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if a copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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